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**CUSTOMER  
NUMBER**

Docket No. 4791-4015

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant(s): Dirk NUBER et al. Confirmation No.: 2736  
Serial No.: 10/540,376 Group Art Unit: 1793  
Filed: January 17, 2006 Examiner: Mark L. Shevin  
For: FLUIDIZED BED METHOD AND PLANT FOR HEAT TREATMENT OF SOLIDS  
CONTAINING TITANIUM

**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is responsive to the Restriction Requirement dated April 4, 2008 in which claims 1-37 were subjected to restriction. Applicants provisionally elect to prosecute Group I (*i.e.*, claims 1-27). As is set forth in detail below, this election is made with traverse. Entry and consideration of the amendment is respectfully requested.

Under 37 C.F.R. §1.7(a) when the last day to take action falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or Federal holiday within the District of Columbia, the action may be taken on the next succeeding business day which is not a Saturday, Sunday, or Federal holiday, *i.e.*, May 5, 2008 without additional extension fees

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 9 of this paper.